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PAGES <u>2</u>	ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) <u>[REDACTED]</u>	
REMARKS <u>[REDACTED]</u>		

1. On 6 February, the Hindenburg Kaserne (8442) in Plauen was still occupied to capacity. Training activity was intensive and was conducted predominantly at Kopitschwalde training grounds. On 4 February, about 350 soldiers most of whom wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and some red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with infantry weapons, 3 mortars, field telephones and cable reels entered the installation from the direction of the training grounds. On 6 February, trucks [REDACTED] each towing an AT gun, moved into the installation from the same direction. It seemed that the two trucks crossed the area of the Hindenburg Kaserne in order to reach the Koenig Georg Kaserne. [REDACTED]
2. On 6 February, the Koenig Georg Kaserne (8443) was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed. Soldiers repaired 7 trucks and an AT gun.
3. On 24 January, the Kirchbach Kaserne (8441) was occupied by about 500 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 24 January, about 80 soldiers drilled in the barracks yard. Eight trucks were parked nearby.
4. On 4 February, the Hindenburg Kaserne quartered about 700 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Prior to 28 January, about 400 soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets daily left the installation, heading for the drill grounds. They returned between 1 and 4 p.m. On 27 January, 8 trucks towing 7 x 57-mm AT guns and 1 ammunition trailer and each occupied by 5 or 6 men moved out to the drill grounds. [REDACTED]. After 29 January, individual groups only left the installation for practice at the drill grounds. Soldiers in the east section of the installation practiced marching or trained with 57-mm AT guns. [REDACTED]
5. On 4 February, the Koenig Georg Kaserne quartered about 350 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Between 23 and 29 January, 6 to 12 trucks towing 85-mm AT guns were repeatedly seen moving from the installation toward the drill grounds. After 29 January, only sporadically were soldiers seen engaged in training with 85-mm AT guns and 120-mm howitzers in the barracks yard. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were identified in traffic to and from the billeting area. [REDACTED]
6. On 4 February, the Kirchbach Kaserne quartered about 170 soldiers. No training activity was noticed. Trucks [REDACTED] each towing a 85-mm [REDACTED]

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At gun returned to the Koenig Georg Kaserne from an exercise and, later, were seen en route to the Kirchbach Kaserne without the guns.

7. At about 3 a.m. on 21 January, several columns, including some with heavy weapons, left Plauen post, [REDACTED] They apparently came from the Koenig Georg Kaserne and Kirchbach Kaserne. 25X1

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] weapons identified make it appear that the occupation of Plauen installations remained unchanged. 25X1

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